

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 28, 2011, 3rd Floor Council Conference Room, 7:09 pm to 8:55 pm

PRESENT

Commissioners: Jason Tai, Chair; Lee Annis; Cherri Branson; Henry Kahwaty; Carmen Larsen; Jonathan Shurberg; Don Spence; Patti Jo Witham

Staff: Pamela Zorich and Jay Mukherjee, M-NCPPC; Jeff Zyontz and Susan Mabie, Council Staff

Public Observers: Miti Figueredo (Councilmember Navarro's Staff)

Agenda:

- 1) Approval of minutes
 - a) Additional data request
- 2) Demonstration / Instruction on redistricting software and data (Jay Mukherjee and Pamela Zorich – MNCPPC)
- 3) Public outreach (Commission discussion)
- 4) Future meeting dates
- 5) Public Comment

Action:

- 1) February 17 and March 31 minutes were approved with the following change: a link to Erin Ashbarry's Legal issues memorandum will be attached to the March 31 minutes.
- 2) Information regarding precincts where Councilmembers live will be provided with the redistricting data for use by Commissioners.
- 3) The following changes to the redistricting tool were requested:
 - a) Provide forecast data in terms of population growth
 - b) Provide current population in categories
 - c) Provide a folder accessible to all Commissioners to share files
- 4) The Commission will establish a public hearing at its May 26 meeting (after Delegate Luedtke's presentation). J. Zyontz will work with the Chair and the Vice Chair on a press release and will include Lorna Virgili (PIO) as a contact regarding distribution. Members of the public will be asked to sign up in advance (S. Mabie to be the contact person). There will be a second opportunity for public comment in late summer after redistricting scenarios are developed by the Commission.

Next Meetings:

- May 26, 2011, 7:00 pm – discussion with Delegate Luedtke (Board of Education Districts) and public hearing
- June 30, 2011, 7:00 pm – agenda to be determined at a later date